

JOHN JAMES
FOOTS BILLSGets Filmmaged Out of Price of
Marriage License.

CASHES "NO FUNDS" CHECK

ELDRIDGE TELLS GOOD WED-
DING STORY ON HIMSELF.

Those who know him well would imagine that John James, the county clerk, would be the last person in the world who could be imposed upon by accepting a check drawn upon an imaginary bank account, or could be induced to issue a marriage license unless he knew that the \$2.50 was in sight. But in spite of all his precautions to guard well the interests of the county in money matters, the year just drawing to a close witnessed the clerk being "done" for the price of a marriage license, and accept a check which was not worth the paper it was written on. The result is that hereafter no checks will be accepted in the office unless the individual is known to be worth his weight in gold, and no license will be delivered until the money is paid in hand.

The bad check was received for filing a legal document. When it came back with the mark of "no funds" the man said he had intended to overdraw his account, and would straighten it out "at once." The "at once" was not as yet arrived, and Mr. James had to do a little settling with himself on his own score.

Got a License For Nothing.

In the marriage license episode the young man promised to marry the girl at the request of her parents. A deputy sheriff was sent in quest of the woman. She lived in Waterloo. He did not know her name. It took him from 9 o'clock in the afternoon until after 9 o'clock at night to find the girl's residence, making a house to house canvass for "a girl who wanted to get married."

When the girl had been found the couple were taken to Mr. James' house for a license. After it had been issued, the question arose as to where the young folks could get married. There was no preacher handy. The county clerk was asked if he would marry them. He declined. They were then suggested to the deputy sheriff that he perform the ceremony. He consented by snapping out to the couple: "Stand up."

They did. Turning to the man, he said:

"Do you take this woman to be your wife?"

"I do," was the half audible reply.

"Do you take this man to be your husband?" asked the minion of the law, directing his gaze toward the woman.

"I do," was her meek response.

Old Folks Didn't Settle.

"Then I pronounce you man and wife," shortly replied the deputy sheriff.

Without even waiting to kiss his bride, the young man started for the door, followed half a dozen feet behind by his wife.

"Hold on there," called out the county clerk. "Who pays for this license?"

"I don't know," replied the young fellow. "I reckoned as the county clerk the old folks wanted us married, that they would pay for it."

They didn't however. Mr. James had to, out of his own pocket.

When that story was related yesterday as a good joke upon Mr. James, Deputy County Clerk J. L. Eldridge, Jr., told a good story on himself in which a license caused all the trouble.

"A short time ago," he said, "a man rushed into the office and asked us how late we would be open. I told him that we closed at 5 o'clock. He begged us to remain there until his prospective wife could arrive on a belated train, promising to pay us. We waited. It was after 9 o'clock when the couple arrived. We issued the license and married the couple. He gave me \$2.50 for the license. Then taking a large roll of bills out of his pocket, he began looking through it. I said to myself, 'Here is where we get an X subject.'"

Bride Had the Right Change.

"The man didn't seem to be able to find a bill large enough to suit him, so I thought—as he put the roll back into his pocket. Turning to his wife, he said:

"Dear, have you any change?"

"She handed him her pocketbook. He opened it, and after fussing around in the silver, picked out \$1 and a 25-cent piece and handed them to me. To the others who had waited to act as witnesses he gave them, I think, 50 cents apiece."

"Just to show you how small some people can be when it comes to paying the freight when they get married," continued Deputy Clerk Eldridge, "I recall an incident that happened less than a year ago. A man of means came in and got a license. I married him. He started to walk out without paying for the license. I reminded him of the fact. He dived down into his pocket and pulled out three silver dollars. He handed them to me, as I remarked:

"The license costs you \$2.50."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the man in the most bland manner possible. "Just keep the change."

"He got married for 50 cents, when he could have paid \$5 and not missed it."

BURNED TO DEATH.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—A stable in the rear of Benckle's hotel, near Golden Gate park, was destroyed by fire today. J. T. Burns, who resides in the building, perished in the flames. Sixteen ponies were also burned to death.

MOODY MERRILL BURIED.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Funeral services for the late Moody Merrill, a former Boston financier who died a week ago at Silver City, N. M., were held this afternoon at the Walnut Avenue Congregational church. Rev. A. H. Plumb pronounced a sympathetic eulogy.

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COUPON FAD IS
ALL THE RAGEAre Collected and Exchanged For
Various Articles.

CIGAR BANDS HAVE A VALUE

TIN TAGS HELPED A MAN FURNISH HIS HOME.

The collection of coupons found in sacks of tobacco, tin tags on plug tobacco and the like have become a different brand of craze in the latest fad in Salt Lake City. The fever to acquire them was slow in taking hold of men, women and children, but once it did take, like a contagion it spread rapidly throughout the city.

People desire to acquire the little blue pieces of paper in the smoking tobacco tins, the tin tags and cigar bands has grown to such an extent that even grown up men are to be seen stopping and picking them up on the street, the same as a superstitious person will stop and pick up a pin, while boys and girls beg them of their smoking friends.

There is a good reason for the craze; it is not an empty one, for the tags, coupons and bands are worth considerable money if gathered in a sufficient number and used as a medium of exchange with the manufacturer of the tobacco and cigars.

Are Exchanged For Premiums.

The coupons, tags and bands are given away as a means of advertising tobacco in its several forms of consumption. The tobacco trust was the first to put the scheme into practice. It offered to exchange tin tags on front of sacks of tobacco, when presented in certain numbers, for specific articles, ranging from a pocket knife to a stove, bed, or piano, buggy or moving machine. The competitors were compelled to follow suit, and they made larger offers than the trust, brandy and jewelry.

It was then that the trust went one step further. It placed a coupon in its sacks of tobacco, tags on its plug tobacco and bands on its cigar tins. A 5-cent sack of tobacco contained a coupon stamped with the figure "16" in red letters. That indicated that the piece of paper was of the value of 16 cents. In a 10-cent package there is a full coupon, with a large figure "16" printed on it.

The tags are equal to a whole coupon, and the cigar bands are so marked as to have a value in proportion to the cost of the cigar. For smokers who were not in need of a new mover or baby carriage, the trust announces it is willing to exchange a certain number of packages of Turkish cigarettes for a specified number of whole coupons.

Finally Illustrated Catalogue.

At an enormous expense the trust has gotten out an illustrated catalogue showing cuts of articles which it will exchange for the tags, coupons or bands. Every conceivable article is to be found in the book. The cost of exchange ranges from twenty-five whole coupons, which brings a pipe, to tens of thousands, which draw a piano, a set of furniture, a car, a watch, a farming implement or clothing.

It is for the sake of acquiring something for nothing that the craze of collecting coupons and bands has swept over the city and nation. In every town, city and hamlet in the United States and other countries, where the trust and other goods are sold, the craze has taken root and is flourishing like an epidemic.

The fact that the goods are given in exchange for the coupons and bands, in accordance with the grade of the goods acquired, has given an impetus to the demand for the coupons and bands. Little boys save them for pocket knives. Little girls beg them to get dolls. Wives want dishes or silverware. Some want cigars. Men send for pipes and other smokers' materials. It is a craze that appeals equally to young and old, rich and poor. That accounts, in a large measure, why it is so universal, and refuses to die out.

Storekeepers Make Money.

Storekeepers—especially of cigar stands—make money on the side through the coupons, tags and bands. Go into a store and it is a safe assertion that if the purchaser offers no objection, the proprietor will remove the tag from the plug of tobacco or slip the band from the cigar and put it one side. Some will go so far as to ask the purchaser if he has thrown away the coupon in his partially emptied sack of tobacco. The storekeeper has two objects in collecting. One is to make a few extra cents for himself, and the other to sell the tags, bands or coupons to people who have no other means of acquiring them quickly in large numbers.

At first the selling price was very low, hardly enough to warrant the proprietor in making the collection. But during the past few weeks the craze has become such that the tags, coupons or bands, when disposed of in large lots—100, 200 or 500 in a bunch—command a good price, a little less, of course, than the value of the article for which they can be exchanged.

Ogden Man Furnishes a Room.

It is said that an Ogden man acquired a sufficient number of tags, coupons and bands to furnish a room. The articles he acquired included a birdseye maple chamber set, a number of chairs and tables, rugs, lace curtains and several pictures—all of first-class grade—which were shipped to him from the east, freight prepaid. The man was employed by a concern which purchased large quantities of tobacco in every form. When the goods were received he took the coupons from the cigarettes, bands from the cigars, and tags from the plug tobacco. They numbered tens of thousands. He sent them by express to the nearest office of the tobacco company. He received a letter a few days later announcing the arrival of the tags, bands and coupons, and was advised that the articles he wanted would be shipped by freight without unnecessary delay.

The society women of this city have acquired the craze of collecting paper cigar bands and the yellow silk strips used to hold bunches of cigars together, for decorative purposes. The paper bands are used in beauty jars, bottles and make picture frames of while the silk strips are sewed together and for miter top of a cosy-corner cushion.

Good Pancake Recipe.

To two cups of Falcon Self-Rising Flour, add enough milk or water to make a comparatively thin batter, or use two cups of Falcon Flour, two cups milk, one tablespoonful sugar or syrup, one egg; have grid-iron hot; bake most after turning. Falcon Self-Rising Pancake Flour at any grocer's.

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CARBIS WANTS
A "PETE" MANHas a Safe Which He Is Unable
to Open.

COMBINATION IS MISSING

SEVERAL ATTEMPTS MADE TO
DISCOVER IT.

County Treasurer William O. Carbis wants a "pete" man. The sooner he calls around the more his services will be appreciated. He does not want a visit at midnight, when nitroglycerine, a kit of tools and a dark lantern are used, but asks the man to walk into his office in broad daylight and announce his vocation. The assurance is given that no questions will be asked or photographs taken for future reference, a la police. It is strictly a business proposition with the county treasurer, and all applicants for the job awaiting some experienced safe man will be treated confidentially if he so desires.

The county treasurer has a double-compartment strong box, to which one of the combinations is unknown. The result is that he can only use the upper compartment, the lower one being locked and the combination lost. The "pete" man is wanted to "effect an entrance" without the usual application of nitroglycerine. A big fee awaits the man who can discover the combination and open the lower heavy steel door.

Went Through Atlas Fire.

The strong box occupies a position in the brick vault in the county treasurer's office. It was purchased by the county commissioners some time ago. It offered to exchange tin tags on front of sacks of tobacco, when presented in certain numbers, for specific articles, ranging from a pocket knife to a stove, bed, or piano, buggy or moving machine. The competitors were compelled to follow suit, and they made larger offers than the trust, brandy and jewelry.

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Caught One Combination.

Some time ago a man employed by a large safe concern in the east worked with one of the combinations on the locked door until he caught it. He intended to come around the next day and take a try at the second one, but was called out of the city. Because his second visit, he did not leave the combination with County Treasurer Carbis. The latter cannot recall his name, that he might write to him for the figure.

A few days ago a traveling salesman for another lock and safe company took a turn at the second combination and unlocked it. But was unsuccessful. He left with the one mastered by the other man. Together the two men could unlock the box, but singly each is as helpless as the other. The treasurer is anxious to have the combination, as far as opening the safe is concerned.

In neither instance did either man use the same method for ascertaining the combination of the knob on which he worked. The first man used his sense of touch, and the other his acute hearing. The former learned the combination by slowly turning the knob. One finger was placed lightly upon the face of the knob. He turned it gradually first one way and then the other until the almost imperceptible jar of a tumbler falling into place was felt by the tender nerves in his finger. By that means it did not take him long to "catch on" to the combination, noting the figure on which each tumbler fell.

The other man used his ear. After he entered the vault where the box is, the outer door was closed. That left him in absolute silence. Sitting down close to the box, he placed his ear to the knob which he selected to try, and slowly turned it. The acuteness of his hearing permitted him to detect the slight noise made as the tumblers dropped into place. Patiently he worked the knob back and forth until the last tumbler had fallen. He noted the numbers they fell upon, and when the last one had dropped into place it was but a few moments' work to straighten them out as set at the factory.

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